Sahib Bahadur K. Shahul Hameed : May I know whether all these strikes related to increase in wages ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : For various reasons, one of which may be for increase in wages.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma : (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad cum Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether the Labour Officers are doing any propaganda work not to strike ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : Yes, Sir; to establish a sort of conciliatory spirit.

President : That is their main work.

Permits issued to purchase cars.

162. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of the persons to whom permits have been issued to purchase old or new cars, lorries and buses respectively in the year 1121?

Mr. S. Parthasarathy Aiyangar (*Inspector-Gneral of Police*) : *A statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Motor Vehicles Control Order.

163. ***Mr. G. Ravi Varma :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they are aware that the Motor Vehicles Control Order now in force in the State is causing serious hardships to the people of the State ; and

(b) why they have not cancelled the order in view of the fact that similar provisions were cancelled in the Province of Madras and the neighbouring State of Cochin long ago?

Mr. S. Parthasarathy Aiyangar : *(a)* No.

(b) To check abnormal inflation in the prices of used motor vehicles as the car position in the State is different from what is obtaining outside the State.

Second hand motor vehicles.

164. ***Mr. G. Ravi Varma :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of second hand motor vehicles commandeered and purchased by them from private owners within the last years; and

(b) for what purpose they were purchased?

Mr. S. Parthasarathy Aiyangar : (*a*) 8.

(b) For the use of essential users in the State.

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Mr. G. Ravi Varma: May I know from the honourable member whether all the essential users were Government servants ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathy Aiyangar: Mostly.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma: May I know from the honourable member that mainly Government servants who have to travel to various places are not supplied with cars ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar: Yes.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma: Are there any applications from Government officers this for prupose ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar: Yes.

Control of Motor Vehicles.

165 * **Mr. K. Shahul Hameed** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that the control of motor vehicles has been lifted in British India ; and

(*b*) why it is being still maintained in the State ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) As conditions here are different. It is proposed to lift the control only from 1-9-1946.

North Travancore Motor Union Ltd.

166 * **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) Whether the North Travancore Motor Union Ltd., has been given license to run bus services on Parur-Varapuzha road ;

(*b*) whether this Motor Union has entered into a contract to carry Anchal Mail on that line ;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the fact that buses are not run on this line regularly and at scheduled times ;

(*d*) whether they are aware that Anchal Mail is often carried on in this line on cycles ; and

(*e*) whether they are aware that continuously for a number of days buses are not run on this line ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: The answers to (d) and (e) are in the negative, but I can assure the member that it is so.

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